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The Rt. Hon. Boris Johnson  
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Dear Prime Minister

A greeting in solidarity from the Iglesia Filipina Independiente/Church of England Filipino Chaplaincy working with RAPAR (Refugee and Asylum Participatory Action Research), April 28 Coalition, Kanlungan Filipino Consortium, Filipino Domestic Workers Association FDWA, Gabriela London and Migrante UK. This letter concerns the struggle of many Filipinos in the United Kingdom at this time of pandemic simply to survive.

Our experience over recent weeks has been very challenging and emotional. We are aware that there have been almost 100 Filipinos who died because of Covid. Most of them were working in hospitals, care homes or as private carers. There are also almost 50,000 undocumented Filipino working hard.

In a recent statement, the United Nations has said, *"The COVID-19 Pandemic is a defining moment for modern society, and history will judge the efficacy of our response not by the actions of any single set of government actors taken in isolation, but by the degree to which the response is coordinated globally across all sectors to the benefit of our human family"*<sup>1</sup>

As we share a deep concern for the suffering of Filipinos both in the UK and globally, the IFI/CofE Filipino Chaplaincy, RAPAR, April 28 Coalition, Kanlungan, FDWA, Gabriela London and Migrante UK have launched an online call for "Regularization and/or granting of full citizenship rights for all migrants (irregular and undocumented), refugees, asylum seekers and displaced people."

At this time we are also campaigning to protect all undocumented people. We call on the United Kingdom Government to grant Regularization and Full Citizenship Right Now.

Respectfully,



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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, 'Shared responsibility, Global Solidarity: Responding to the Socio-economic impacts of Covid-19', March 2020, p.23.